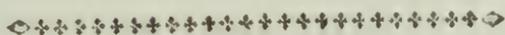


MEROPS CÆRULOCEPHALUS.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum compressum, curvatum, carinatum.

Lingua apice laciniata.

Pedes gressorii.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 182.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

MEROPS RUBER, capite gula uropygioque
cæruleo-viridibus.

MEROPS NUBICUS. M. ex cæruleo viridis
subtus ruber, dorso, alis, candaque furcata
lateritiis.

Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 464.

Africæ partes interiores incolit Merops Cæruleocephalus: magnitudo avis eadem fere est atque Meropis communis sive Europææ. Variat cauda sub-integra vel forcipata.



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THE
BLUE-HEADED BEE-EATER.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill compressed, curvated, and carinated.

Tongue generally laciniated at the tip.

Feet formed for walking.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

RED BEE-EATER, with the head, throat, and
rump blue-green.

BLUE-HEADED BEE-EATER.

Lath. Syn. 1. p. 680.

Le Gnépier rouge à tete bleue.

Buf. ois. 6. p. 506.

Gnépier de Nubie.

Pl. Enl. 649.

This bird is a native of the interior parts of Africa, and is nearly similar in size to the common or European Bee-Eater. It varies in having the tail either even or slightly forked.